Amendment dated May 14, 2007

Reply to Office Action of February 15, 2007

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 6 are currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter

therein.

Claims 2, 3 and 8 were previously canceled.

Claim 5 is amended without the introduction of new matter.

Claims 4-5, 7, and 9-19 are pending.

II. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in

claims 4, 5, 7, and 9-19. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled and remaining claims are in condition

for allowance.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wierlacher in

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view of the Examiner's statement based on case law. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1

and 6 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that

the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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